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## **Two new Afghan National Police fire stations complete in Herat province**

**KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** —The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed construction of two, new Afghan National Police fire stations in Herat province May 5, well ahead of schedule.

The facilities, built by Afghan-owned and operated construction firms with oversight by the Afghanistan Engineer District-South, will serve as bases of operations for 25 ANP firefighters at each station.

The \$3.6 million facility in Islam Qala and the \$3.8 million facility in Torghundi include administration offices, training rooms, guard shacks and towers, entry control points, water supply, treatment and distribution systems, fire fighting systems, electrical generation and distribution systems and more. The fire station in Islam Qala, near the border with Turkmenistan, was completed 50 days ahead of schedule and the one in Torghundi, near the border with Iran was completed 20 days early.

“Delivering these important fire stations ahead of schedule speaks to the commitment and drive of the project delivery teams,” said Viet Nguyen, a registered professional engineer and certified project management professional who deployed to Afghanistan from the USACE Fort Worth District.

Nguyen, a graduate of California State University Northridge, served as the project manager for construction of both facilities, but credits the teams, especially South District Project Engineer Aaron Scott, with the remarkable results. Scott is a graduate of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University and deployed from the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Ala.

Since its creation in 2009, the Afghanistan Engineer District-South has overseen construction of more than 50 Afghan National Police facilities.

As lead responsibility for security in Afghanistan is gradually being transitioned from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force to the Afghan National Security Forces, adequate facilities from which ANSF can operate are vital, said U.S. Army Col. Vincent V. Quarles, commander of the Afghanistan Engineer District-South.



*The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed construction of a new Afghan National Police fire station in Islam Qala May 5, 50 days ahead of schedule. The facility will provide a base of operations for 25 ANP firefighters near the border of Iran. (Courtesy photo.)*



*The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed construction of a new Afghan National Police fire station in Torghundi May 5, 20 days ahead of schedule. The facility will provide a base of operations for 25 ANP firefighters. (Courtesy photo.)*